

**SAS/ENGLISH**<sup>®</sup> software is a portable natural language interface for querying and reporting information contained in any data format accessible by the SAS System. Specifically, SAS/ENGLISH software translates typed English queries into Structured Query Language (SQL) commands and presents retrieved data or answers to the user. The function of a natural language interface such as SAS/ENGLISH software is to provide easy access to data without having to learn the syntax of a retrieval language, and without having to know the structure and field names of individual data values. With SAS/ENGLISH software, users can use simple English commands to retrieve information from SAS data sets and external data bases.